Elections in J & K

728. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of Home Affairs has announced that elections would be held in Jammu and Kashmir before July, 1995;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard; and

(c) whether the law and order conditions in the State are conducive to a free and fair election?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (c) President's Rule in the State of Jammu and Kashmir can presently extend till 17th July 1995. To create conditions conducive to normalisation and the restoration of the democratic institutions in the State, a number of steps have been taken. These include: sustained and targetted operations to contain the activities of the militants and reduce the fear of the gun; stepping up the pace of development and economic activities in the State; reactivation of the civil administration and restoring its morale; restoration of the confidence of the people in and enlisting their cooperation with the administration; reactivation of the political elements in the State; and encouragement to the people to strengthen the peace process through confidence building measures, including release of detenues, etc.

These efforts are being closely monitored, and the Government intends to pursue them intensively. Simultaneously, the procedural aspects pertaining to the electoral process are also being attended to. The delimitation of constituencies and the revision of the voters' list have been taken up by the Election Commission.

The situation will be kept continuously under review and a final decision about the precise timing of the elections will be taken at the appropriate time.

Investigations by DGI & R Against some Companies

729. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Questions 469 and 1441 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July and 15th December, 1994 respectively, and state;

(a) whether Colgate Palmolive India Limited has since made available the information called for by DG (I&R);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay in submissions of the information and the steps Government propose to take for getting the desired information from the Company.

(d) whether the MRTP has taken a view on the preliminary investigations in respect of Hindustan Lever Limited and Ponds India Limited;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when the view is likely to be taken;

(f) whether MRTPC was investigating cases against Saurashtra Ballpen Company and Philips Radio in the past; and

(g) whether the matter has been finalised and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (e) Director General of Investigation and Registration has since submitted his investigation reports in case of